

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSALS FOR COUNCIL DECISIONS

- AMENDING FIFTH DECISION 76/538/EEC ON THE EQUIVALENCE OF FIELD INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT IN THIRD COUNTRIES ON SEED-PRODUCING CROPS;
 - AMENDING FIFTH DECISION 76/539/EEC ON THE EQUIVALENCE OF SEED PRODUCED IN THIRD COUNTRIES.
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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Council, by its Decisions 76/538/EEC and 76/539/EEC, established that field inspections on seed-producing crops and seeds produced in certain non-member countries provide the same guarantees as checks carried out by Member States and are thereafter equivalent.

The two Council Decisions attached enable these equivalences to be extended to the "maize" species in the case of Israel and enable Chile to enjoy the same equivalences as regards the species listed in the Annexes to the two Decisions.

PROPOSAL

Council Decision amending Fifth Decision 76/538/EEC on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/400/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 78/692/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 16(1)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 78/1020/EEC⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 16(1)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Directive 78/1020/EEC⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Article 16(1)(a) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in Decision 76/538/EEC⁽⁷⁾, as amended by Decision /EEC⁽⁸⁾, the Council declared that field inspections carried out in 22 third countries on seed-producing crops of certain species satisfy the conditions laid down in the Community Directives;

Whereas for certain species this declaration of equivalence relates to Israel;

(1) OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p.2290/66

(2) OJ No L 236, 26.8.1978, p.13

(3) OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p.2298/66

(4) OJ No L 350, 14.12.1978, p.27

(5) OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p.2309/66

(6) OJ No L 350, 14.12.1978, p.27

(7) OJ No L 162, 23.6.1976, p.1

(8) OJ No

Whereas in the meantime it has been established that in Chile also there are rules on seed control for a range of plant species, which provide for official field inspection carried out during the period of seed production;

Whereas an examination of the rules of the abovementioned countries and of the manner in which they are applied has shown that the prescribed field inspections satisfy the conditions laid down in Annex I to each of the abovementioned Directives;

Whereas Chile should therefore also be granted equivalence and the existing equivalence for Israel should be extended to maize;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The table in the Annex to Decision 76/538/EEC is amended as follows:
follows:

- (a) Reference No 4 is supplemented by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision;
- (b) Reference No 23 given in the Annex to this Decision is added.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States,

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

Reference No	Country	Authority	Species	Special Conditions
1	2	3	4	5
4	Israel (Il)	Seed and Nursery Stock Inspection Service	Cereal except rye canary grass and rice	1,3,4,5
23	Chile (RCH)	Servicio Agrícola Y Ganadero, Unidad Técnica de Semillas (Department for Agriculture and Cattle. Technical department for seeds).	-Beet -Grass species subject to national rules on varietal control -Lucerne Red clover -Cereals, except canary grass, maize and rice	1,3,5,6 1,3,4,5 1,3,4,5 1,3,4,5

PROPOSAL

Council Decision amending Fifth Decision 76/539/EEC on
the equivalence of seed produced in third countries

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/400/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 78/692/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 16(1)(b) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 78/1020/EEC⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 16(1)(b) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Directive 78/1020/EEC⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Article 16(1)(b) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in Decision 76/539/EEC⁽⁷⁾, as amended by Decision / /EEC⁽⁸⁾, the Council declared that seed of certain species produced in 22 third countries is equivalent to corresponding seed produced in the Community;

Whereas for certain species this declaration of equivalence relates also to Israel,

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7.1966, p.2290/66

(2) OJ No L 236, 28. 8.1978, p.13

(3) OJ No 125, 11. 7.1966, p.2298/66

(4) OJ No L 350, 14.12.1978, p.27

(5) OJ No 125, 11. 7.1966, p.2309/66

(6) OJ No L 350, 14.12.1978, p.27

(7) OJ No L 162, 23. 6.1976, p.10

(8) OJ No

Whereas in the meantime it has been established that in Chile also there are rules on seed control for a range of plant species;

Whereas an examination of the rules of the abovementioned countries and of the manner in which they are applied has shown that the conditions governing certain seed harvested and controlled in these countries afford the same assurances as regards the seed's characteristics, identity, examination, marking and control, as the conditions applicable to seed harvested and controlled within the Community;

Whereas Chile should therefore also be granted equivalence and the existing equivalence for Israel be extended to maize;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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Reference No	Country	Authority	Species	Categories		Special Conditions
				in the country	in the Community	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	Israel (IL)	Seed and Nursery Stock Inspection Service	Cereal except rye canary grass, rice and maize Maize	-Basic seed -Certified seed 1st generation -Certified seed 2nd generation -Basic seed -Certified seed	-Basic seed -Certified seed 1st generation -Certified seed 2nd generation -Basic seed -Certified seed	1,3,5,8,9,10 1,3,4a),5,8,9,10 1,3,4a),5,8,9,10 1,3,5,8,9,10 1,3,4a),5,8,9,10
23	Chile (RCH)	Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero, Unidad Técnica de Semillas (Department for Agriculture and Cattle. Technical department for seeds).	Beet Grass species subject to national rules on varietal control Lucerne Red Clover Cereals, except canary grass, rice and maize	-Basic seed -Certified seed -Basic seed -Certified seed 1st generation -Certified seed 2nd and later generations -Basic seed -Certified seed 1st generation -Certified seed 2nd generation (except rye)	-Basic seed -Certified seed -Basic seed -Certified seed 1st generation -Certified seed subsequent generations -Basic seed -Certified seed, certified seed -Certified seed 2nd generation (except rye)	1,3,6,8,9,10 1,3,4a),6,8,9,10 1,3,5,8,9,10 1,3,4a),5,8,9,10 1,3,4a),5,8,9,10 1,3,5,8,9,10 1,3,4a),5,8,9,10 1,3,4a),5,8,9,10

